

January 25, 2007

Mr. Rick Daniels Executive Director SALTON SEA AUTHORITY 78401 Highway 111 La Quinta, CA 92253

Dear Mr. Daniels:

In recognition of the important benefit of restoring the Salton Sea to the entire Coachella Valley, the Rancho Mirage City Council adopted the enclosed Resolution supporting the Authority's Conceptual Plan for Multi-Purpose Project. The City Council also authorized \$10,000 in financial support, which will be sent shortly, to conduct community outreach efforts regarding the need to restore the Sea.

Regards,

Elena Keeran City Clerk

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cc: Patrick Pratt, City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO. 2007-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE SUPPORTING THE SALTON SEA AUTHORITY PLAN FOR MULTI-PURPOSE PROJECT

THE CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority is a Joint Powers Agency formed under the laws of the State of California by a Joint Powers Agreement dated 1993, and is the regional agency for identifying and implementing corrective measures to preserve the beneficial uses of the Sea; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority has conducted extensive research and scientific investigation of the Salton Sea and has studied numerous alternative measures to restore and revitalize the Sea; and

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2006, the Board of Directors of the Salton Sea Authority voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Summary of the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan; and

WHEREAS, The City of Rancho Mirage finds that the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan best meets the needs to provide wildlife habitats, improve water quality, and protect air quality in our region; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Conceptual Plan also creates major recreational and economic development opportunities in the Coachella and Imperial Valleys; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan best meets the needs of The City of Rancho Mirage, its constituents, and those living and working in the Coachella and Imperial Valleys; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan is superior to other alternatives that the State of California and the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, are considering during their programmatic EIR and alternatives study; and

WHEREAS, prior to the formal adopting or implementation of any restoration plan, the Salton Sea Authority will cause any project to undergo a thorough and environmental analysis pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Rancho Mirage as follows:

- 1. The City of Rancho Mirage hereby supports the "Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan for Multi-Purpose Project" as the preferred plan for restoration and revitalization of the Salton Sea; and
- 2. The City of Rancho Mirage encourages the State of California and the Department of Interior to select the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan as their preferred alternative for Salton Sea restoration and revitalization; and
- 3. The City of Rancho Mirage encourages cities and counties and other entities to join with it in support of the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 18th day of January 2007.

CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE

RICHARD W. KITE

MAYOR

ATTEST:

ELENA KEERAN, CMC

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

STEVEN B. QUINTANÍLLA

CITY ATTORNEY

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE)
CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE)

I, Elena Keeran, City Clerk of the City of Rancho Mirage, California, do hereby certify that Resolution No. 2007-09 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Rancho Mirage, California, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 18th day of January 2007, by the following vote:

AYES: KITE, HOBART, SEMAN, MOLLER, MEEPOS

NOES: NONE ABSENT: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE

Elena Keeran, CMC

City Clerk